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Dear Ms. Salas,

Enclosed is an original and four copies of a Petition for Rule Making to amend the FM table of allotments for a new FM broadcast station for Dunkerton, Iowa.

Sincerely,



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In the matter of:)

Amendment of Section 73.202 (b))

Table of Allotments)

FM Broadcast Stations)

(Dunkerton, Iowa))

RM-_____

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

In this petition, Mountain West Broadcasting is hereby requesting to allot channel 280A (103.9 Mhz) to Dunkerton, Iowa as its first local FM allotment.

INTRODUCTION

1. This statement is a petition for rule making to allot FM channel 280A (103.9 Mhz) to Dunkerton and add it to the Commission's FM table of allotments, 73.202. The following will show the need for an FM channel and the effects the allotment of Channel 280A to Dunkerton will have.

DISCUSSION

2. Dunkerton is located in Northeastern Iowa. It is also located within Blackhawk County, a county of some 123,798 persons. Dunkerton has a population of 746 persons in accordance with the U.S. 1990 census.

3. The allotment of channel 280A to Dunkerton will provide the first local broadcast facility to the community and/or the surrounding area. The closest FM allotment to Dunkerton is located at Waterloo, Iowa. Waterloo is located 30 kilometers from Dunkerton.

It is obvious that from the above spacing that Dunkerton is presently without local FM service.

4. Dunkerton would greatly benefit from an FM allotment due to the fact there is no AM or FM broadcast facilities within 30 Kilometers of Dunkerton. Because of this, it would have an outlet for local self expression. Health and safety for the community would be increased due to having a local communications outlet for warning the Dunkerton area of emergency conditions caused by severe weather or other health hazards.

5. Channel 280A can be allotted to Dunkerton and meet all rules and requirements of the Commission. The instant proposal will not cause a change in the channel number or a deletion of any channel now appearing in the Commission's table of allotments 73.202.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Dunkerton, Iowa	-----	280A

6. In accordance with 73.207 of the Commission's rules, "Minimum Distance Separations between Stations", all allotments on Channel 280A and the pertinent adjacent channels to 280A have been studied with the results listed in Figure 1 of this petition. The geographic coordinates used for the spacing

Study (N 42 - 39' - 15", W. 92 - 10' - 34") are that of a site located 9.1 kilometers north of the community of Dunkerton. A site restriction of 9.1 kilometers north will be required to allot channel 280A to Dunkerton. Many suitable transmitter sites are available to provide city grade coverage (3.16 mv/m or 70 dbu) to the entire community of Dunkerton. These sites would also provide full minimum spacing requirements to other allotments.

CONCLUSION

7. It has been shown that Dunkerton would benefit from the allotment of channel 280A. It has also been shown that channel 280A can be allotted to Dunkerton and meet all rules regarding spacing from other stations. Considering these two facts, Mountain West Broadcasting hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the Table of Allotments to include channel 280A for Dunkerton, Iowa , 73.202.

8. Should channel 280A be allotted to Dunkerton, I certify that I will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate an FM station for Dunkerton, Iowa.

CERTIFICATION

9. I certify that I have prepared or directly supervised the preparation of this entire Petition for Rule Making, and that the facts contained within are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, accurate and true.

Dated: February 10, 1999

Respectfully submitted,

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MAPFM search of channel 280A6 (103.9 MHz), at N. 42 39 15, W. 92 10 34.

Searching Channel 280A6 (103.9 MHz):

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
ALC	Pella	IA	277	C1	U	151.2	75.0	203.9°	76.2
KAZR	Pella	IA	277	C1	L	154.9	75.0	216.9°	79.9
ALC	Waukon	IA	278	C2	U	96.8	55.0	35.3°	41.8
KNEIFM	Waukon	IA	278	C2	L	93.4	55.0	39.0°	38.4
ALC	Davenport	IA	279	C	U	186.8	165.0	131.2°	21.8
ALC	Clear Lake	IA	279	C3	U	95.7	89.0	294.4°	6.7
KLKK	Clear Lake	IA	279	C3	C	108.2	89.0	294.6°	19.2
KWMM	Osage	IA	279	A	L	92.6	72.0	323.2°	20.6
WLLRFM	Davenport	IA	279	C	L	186.8	165.0	131.2°	21.8
ALC	Lanesboro	MN	280	A	A	120.0	115.0	2.3°	5.0
ALC	Lanesboro	MN	280	A	V	120.0	115.0	2.3°	5.0
ALC	Westby	WI	280	A	V	161.6	115.0	48.1°	46.6
ALC	Westby	WI	280	A	A	161.6	115.0	48.1°	46.6
ALC	Coon Valley	WI	280	A	D	150.1	115.0	39.0°	35.1
ALC	Ames	IA	281	C	U	165.2	165.0	239.6°	0.2
KLTIFM	Ames	IA	281	C	L	165.2	165.0	239.6°	0.2
ALC	Spring Valley	MN	282	C3	U	115.9	42.0	340.9°	73.9
KVGO	Spring Valley	MN	282	A	L	102.9	31.0	348.7°	71.9
KVGO	Spring Valley	MN	282	C3	C	115.9	42.0	340.9°	73.9
ALC	Cedar Rapids	IA	283	C1	U	75.0	75.0	148.2°	-0.0
KDAT	Cedar Rapids	IA	283	C1	L	75.0	75.0	148.2°	-0.0

FIGURE 1
MOUNTAIN WEST BROADCASTING
Dunkerton, Iowa